

New to Homeschooling

- ✓ Annual notification to the County Superintendent is required by law for children between the ages of 7 and 16.
- ✓ Notification should be within the first week of the school term, when parent establishes residency or during the school year once a student withdraws from a public or private school in order to comply with the compulsory attendance exemption.
- ✓ The parent is responsible for finding the curriculum, textbooks and materials for instruction and conducting an evaluation of the program. Popular programs being used include:
 - Alpha Omega-Switched on Schoolhouse—LifePac Curriculum
<http://www.aop.com>
 - ABEKA <https://www.abeka.com/>
 - Time4learning <http://www.time4learning.com>
 - American School of Correspondence
<http://www.americanschoolofcorr.com>
 - Keystone High School <http://keystoneschoolonline.com>
 - American High School <http://virtualedu.org>
- ✓ Curriculum should include all the content areas required by the public school. See Montana Content Standards at a Glance. More detailed information is available from the OPI website at www.opi.mt.gov.
- ✓ The parent is to maintain records of attendance and immunizations.
 - For example, use a calendar or a plan book to mark the hours of instruction each day.
- ✓ The parent is to provide the following hours of instruction for a school year:
 - ½ Time Kindergarten—360 hours
 - Full time Kindergarten and Grades 1-3—720 hours
 - Grades 4-12—1080 hours
- ✓ Evaluation of the program can be accomplished through textbook tests and quizzes; standardized testing. Student participation in the state assessment is optional.
- ✓ Helena Area Home Educators is a support group for home school families.
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